

Appl. No. 10/092,465
Amdt. Dated January 20, 2004
Reply to Office action of October 17, 2003

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 9-18 remain in this application. Claims 1-8 and 19-23 have been canceled.

Applicants wish to ensure that Examiner is aware of a favorable decision by the Office of Petitions granting Applicants' petition for grant of the original filing date of March 8, 2002. A copy of the decision is enclosed for reference.

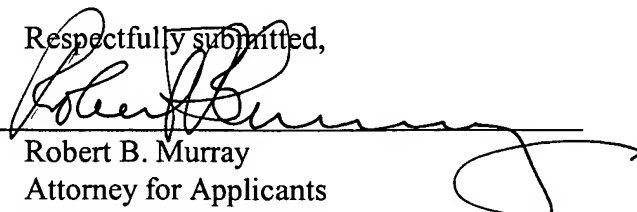
Specification

As requested by the Examiner, a marked up copy of 09/463,967 has been enclosed. A substitute specification has not been provided, as the specification presently in the file correctly incorporates all changes from the 09/463, 967 specification.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 9-18 stand rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 9-18 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejections of claims 9-18 be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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